THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) Government of Karnataka has indicated a monthly demand of 2500 MT of imported edible oil for the PDS during the current year 1997-98.

(b) The allocation of imported palmolein to Karnataka during the last 3 years has been as follows:—

Qty. in MTs.

Financial year	Allocation
1994-95	8500
1995-96	11000
1996-97	10000

(c) The monthly requirement of palmolein from Karnataka has reduced from 3000 MT per month in 1996-97 to 2500 MT per month in 1997-98.

(d) and (e) Government's edible oil import programme for the PDS during 1997-98 has not yet been finalised.

Central Assistance for Agricultural Projects in Assam

1128. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Assam seeking Central assistance for undertaking various agricultural projects in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c) A list of schemes implemented during 1996-97 by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation to assist the Government of Assam in accelerating agricultural development is enclosed as Statement. No proposals for any new scheme have been received from the State Government during the current year.

Statement

List of Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes Implemented in Assam During 1996-97

S. No.	Name of Scheme
1	2
1.	Integrated Cereal Development Programme—Rice.
2.	Sustainable Development of Sugarcane based Cropping System.
3.	Special Jute Development Programme.
4.	National Pulses Development Project.
5.	Oilseeds Production Programme.
6.	Oil Palm Dev. Programme.
7.	National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas.
8.	Balanced and Integrated use of Fertilizers.
9.	Development of Fertilizer use in low Consumption & Rainfed Areas.
10.	National Project and Tech. Mission on Development and use of Bio-fertilizers.
11.	Integrated Seed Development Scheme.
12.	National Programme for Varietal Development.
13.	Streamlining of certified Seeds production of important Identified Vegetable Crops.
14.	N.S.P. III.
15.	Grants in Aid to States/UTs for Setting/ Strengthening of State Bio-Control laboratories under Integrated Pest Management Centres.
16.	Promotion of Agricultural Mechanisation among Small Farmers.
17.	Exchange of Farmers within the Country.
18.	Farmers Scientists Interaction.

1	2
19.	State Land Use Board.
20.	Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Projects.
21.	Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas.
22.	Development of Medicinal & Aromatic Plants.
23.	Use of Plastics in Agriculture.
24.	Development of Commercial Floriculture.
25.	Development of Mushroom.
26.	Integrated Development of Tropical, Arid Temperate Zone Fruits.
27.	Development of Betelvine.
28.	Development of Arecanut.
29.	Development of Vegetables.
30.	Integrated Development of Spices.
31.	Fresh Water Fish Farm.
32.	Welfare of Fishermen.
33.	Inland Fisheries Statistics.
34.	Training and Extension (Fisheries).
35.	Agriculture Credit Stabilisation Fund.
36.	Failed Well Compensation Fund Scheme.
37.	Assistance to Weaker Section.
38.	Assistance to Women's Cooperatives.
39.	Timely Reporting Scheme.
40.	Improvement of Crop Statistics.
41.	Livestock Census.
42.	Agricultural Census.

Sub-standard Drugs in Super Bazar

1129. SHRI JAI PRAKASH (HARDOI) : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quality of drugs available in Super Bazar is of sub-standard as appearing in the "Indian Express", dated June 24, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether some persons/firms are making supplies to the Super Bazar/Kendriya Bhandar who are neither manufacturers nor the authorised dealers of the companies whose brand name products they supply to them; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to weed out such manufacturers/suppliers to protect the interest of the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the Super Bazar, Delhi, they are selling drugs manufactured by multi national companies, national companies of repute and other drug manufacturing companies which are registered with the small scale industry authorities.

(d) and (e) Both Super Bazar and the Kendriya Bhandar have denied that they are purchasing drugs from persons/firms who are neither manufacturers nor the authorised dealers of the companies whose brand name products are supplied by them.

Allocation of Fund for Dry Land Farming

1130. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total fund provided by the Government to the State Governments under the Dry Land Development Programme during 1997-98, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to extend the said programme to the drought prone State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?